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Rodney H. Masters, et al.

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Filed: January 12, 2000

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Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111;
2. Fee Transmittal for FY 2001; and
3. Return postcard.

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Fee Transmittal

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2000 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant requests that the following be entered into the file of the above-referenced application.

Enclosed with this Amendment is the small entity fee of \$55.00 for a one month extension of time, to January 7, 2001 in which to file a response to the Office Action. A duplicate sheet for accounting purposes is included.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

7. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet to structural members, the grating sheet including an upper and lower surface, the apparatus comprising:

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet, the top plate having a hole therein and upper and lower surfaces;